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In re National Phase PCT Application of

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For: Drilling Device and Method for Drilling a Well

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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S I R:

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office of April 27, 2001. A check in the amount of \$890.00 in payment of the government fee for a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as follows: